

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR  
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 19, 2013**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #2)  
Val Ogden (District #3)  
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)  
Rita Reandeau (District #6)  
Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)  
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland  
Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Recorder: Judy Smith,

Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager  
Lorana Myers, Program Specialist  
Eric Raff, Director, ODHHS  
Pat Clothier, Former Board of Trustees member

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 10:48 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

**Flying Hands 2013**

The Flying Hands 2013 competition took place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at WSD. Several schools sent students to participate. Five competition winners from WSD presented at the meeting.

- Evan Stromberg ~ "The Bad Guy Stole Money From the Bear"
- Nelamma Behrens ~ "The Pretty Fair"
- Gabrielle Grosnick ~ "Untitled"
- John Smart ~ "The Creek"
- Juan Aust ~ "From High School to Gallaudet"

Congratulations to all participants!

Special thanks go to Piper Gallucci for coordinating this outstanding event. Great job Piper!

### **Academic Bowl 2013**

The 2013 Academic Bowl was held on the WSD campus February 15-17. This Gallaudet University sponsored event drew students from all over the United States.

Thanks to Tyler DeShaw (WSD's ASL-English Language Arts teacher) and Gallaudet University for the outstanding job they did coordinating this event. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped to make this year's Academic Bowl a huge success.

### **Minutes – March 1, 2013, meeting**

Change: (page 3 – under the 9<sup>th</sup> bullet) ~ Judy Cushman is a School Psychologist, not School Counselor. Val Ogden moved to approve the March 1, 2013, meeting minutes with the change noted above. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**The auditorium construction tour was moved to after lunch**

### **Reports**

#### **Finance Report (Rita Reandeau, Board member)**

- Overall financially, CDHL's budget looks healthy as everyone is making wise decisions with their departmental budgets.
- The legislature is pushing a LEAN incentive which would mean a \$62,000 budget reduction for CDHL. Although this is a small amount, it would definitely affect the programs at WSD.
- The transition from SACS (Small Agency Client Services) will be complete as of July 1, 2013.

#### **Rick Hauan, Director**

The Director highlighted his travels during the months of March and April.

- Educational Standards Workgroup Update: SHB 1144 has passed through the Senate with an amendment. The bill will now travel to the House for final approval (Note: SHB 1144 passed both the Senate and House and is on its way to the Governor's office for signature.)
- Two K-20 meetings are held quarterly:
  - RESPECT: This meeting includes administrators/special education directors who work with deaf and hard of hearing students. Participants can join the meeting at nine different sites throughout the state. The meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - DHH Collaboration: This meeting is held after the RESPECT meeting and includes teachers and related service providers.
- A member of our Statewide Outreach Team attends the Special Education Director's meetings throughout the year.
- CDHL has been invited to conduct a program review and develop a two to five year implementation plan for DHH in Spokane Public Schools.

- Conferences ~ April was a busy month for conferences. Below are a few highlights:
  - CEASD National Conference 2013, held April 11-13, in Tucson, Arizona
    - Presentations were made by Rick Hauan, Jane Mulholland, Kris Ching, Allie Joiner, and John Bresko (OSPI). Their presentation was titled "From Weakness to Strength: The Washington Experience."
  - National Outreach Conference (NOC) 2013, held April 10-12, in Tucson, Arizona
    - Allie Joiner, Rick Hauan, Jane Mulholland, Kris Ching, and John Bresko (OSPI) presented on "Success Through Partnerships: The Washington Model."
    - Also, presenting at the NOC were Kris Ching, Carol Carrothers, April McArthur, and Jennifer White (Transition Specialist on CDHL's Statewide Outreach Team). The topic of their presentation was "Washington Statewide Outreach Team."
  - EHDI (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention) Conference, held April 14-16, in Glendale, Arizona
    - Several staff members and CDHL Statewide Outreach Team members attended this conference.

#### **Jane Mulholland, Superintendent**

- Bill Newell, Principal at WSD, was awarded the Edward Allen Fay award at the recent CEASD National Conference. This award is given to a person for significant publications related to deafness. Congratulations Bill!
- Artist in Residence Project update
  - Guy Wonder (WSD Class of '66) visited the campus during the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> and met with staff and students. He will be returning the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Work on the two projects is scheduled to begin in September 2013.
- Auditorium Grand Opening
  - The auditorium grand opening will be held in conjunction with Deaf Awareness Week and Open House during the last week of September 2013.
- Joe Finnegan is interested in having Rick and Jane share "the Washington Story" at the NASDSE conference this coming fall or the year after that if the program is already set.
- The National Association of the Deaf and CEASD are working on the Alice Cogswell Act of 2013. If passed, this act will enhance IDEA by ensuring delivery of high quality special education and related services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing through specialized instructional services and methodologies designed to meet their unique language, communication, and learning needs.

### **Jessica Sydnor, Business/Human Resources**

- Excited to have Joseph (Sokphy) Hing back in the Business Office. Joseph is in charge of payroll. He recently completed the first payroll in-house with 100% accuracy. Welcome back Joseph!
- Accounts payables have been brought back to the Business Office from SACS. Processing has gone from 32 days to approximately 6!
- The Grays Harbor Community College received an endowment and will visit our campus on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss how some of those funds can help the school and our students.
- The fiscal year 2013 is quickly coming to a close. We will soon be working on allotments for next year.

### **Pat Clothier**

Former Board member, Pat Clothier, attended today's meeting. In honor of her many years of service to the Board, Pat was presented with a beautiful wooden bowl, handmade by Larry Swift. Pat, you are definitely missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

### **Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:25 p.m. for one hour and 35 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...." The meeting reopened at 3:00 p.m. and closed for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting reopened at 3:10 p.m.

### **Next meeting**

June 7th on the Washington School for the Deaf campus

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

  
Nita Kamphuis, Chair  
CDHL Board of Trustees

6/7/13  
Date

  
Rick Hauan, Director  
CDHL

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